

SUCCESSOR HASN'T BEEN PICKED

It Appears Definite; Dulles Will Quit CIA

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Allen W. Dulles will quit as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The time for his departure hasn't been fixed, but it may be within a few weeks.

His successor has not yet been selected.

The reshuffling of the big spy-and-counterspy agency has not yet been definitely mapped.

These decisions are all in President Kennedy's hands.

But there is a general feeling in congressional circles that Mr. Dulles, one of the first two men "hired" by Mr. Kennedy after election (the other was FBI's J. Edgar Hoover), won't be fired.

Nor will his retirement be linked publicly with whatever part his agency played in the unsuccessful Cuban invasion. Mr. Dulles is popular and respected on the Hill.

UNDERSTANDING

Administration sources say there was some kind of understanding when Mr. Dulles stayed over, at Mr. Kennedy's request, that he would serve another year.

He is 68 and has been head of CIA since 1953. It lately

instituted a new policy for early retirement of its employees at 60 or 62.

New rumors that Mr. Dulles' departure is imminent have revived suggestions among leading Congressmen on how CIA should be reshuffled, and how it should operate henceforth.

Only a few know what CIA actually does and how. But now there is world-wide knowledge that it exists and

is our master spy agency, financed with untold millions of dollars.

It attained a considerable degree of anonymity for itself, its headquarters and subsidiary offices in the District.

OUT IN OPEN

But now bold road signs direct traffic to immense new headquarters it soon will occupy in nearby Virginia.

It lately issued a "handout" to the press; and there was a formal brief statement denying any connection, as alleged in Europe, with the unsuccessful Algerian revolt of the French army.

One Senator said: "It is inevitable whenever an intelligence agent or agency is over-exposed, that its usefulness is compromised or obliterated. Indeed it becomes a liability."